



2012 STOCK USE & GRAZING RESTRICTIONS - SEQUOIA NP WILDERNESS PERMIT CONDITIONS

These area-specific restrictions supplement the Minimum Impact Restrictions and guidelines.

Stock use: travel and camping with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas) and grazing in designated forage areas. **Closed to grazing:** areas open to stock travel and camping with stock provided they remain confined on a hardened surface and are given substitute feed. **Day rides & pass-through travel only:** areas open to stock travel, but animals may not graze or stay overnight. **Closed to stock:** areas closed to all stock access.

Hold & feed, and confine animals properly if not grazing. Keep all animals out of wet areas. Maximum party size is 15 people, 20 head of stock unless otherwise stated. Stock are restricted to within ½ mile of maintained trails except in designated off-trail areas. Keep your camp compact and unobtrusive. Do not build or improve fire rings or campsite “furniture”. Camp at least 100 ft. away from water where terrain permits and always camp at least 25 ft. from water. Remove and scatter all manure piles from within 100 feet of the campsite to reduce odors and insect problems, and to maintain the appearance of the site. Carry a rake to fill in pawed-up areas. Tie to trees only when packing or unpacking stock. Never tie to trees smaller than 6” in diameter. Water stock downstream from campsites. Do not let stock urinate or defecate directly into water sources. If your stock dies in the wilderness, notify a ranger as soon as possible for help in properly disposing of the animal. Dead stock must be moved at least 300 feet from trails, campsites, and water within 72 hours of death. Minimize gear and number of stock to minimize impacts to the wilderness. All wheeled vehicles, and all motorized equipment are prohibited in wilderness per the Wilderness Act of 1964.

MIDDLE and MARBLE FORKS, KAWEAH RIVER DRAINAGE:

Lakes Trail	Trail to Heather, Emerald, and Pear Lakes open for <u>day rides only</u> .
Frontcountry Trails	Wolverton Cutoff, Alta, Panther Gap, and Seven Mile Trails open for <u>day rides and pass-through travel only</u> ; High Sierra Trail <u>closed to stock</u> from Crescent Meadow to Wolverton Cutoff.
Giant Forest/Lodgepole	All meadows within 5 miles of Giant Forest Museum (includes Crescent, Cahoon, Willow, and Halstead meadows) <u>closed to grazing</u> ; all paved trails are <u>closed to stock</u> .
Redwood Meadow	Lower (northern) section only open to private and commercial use with a two night limit. For commercial packers, grazing is limited to 32 stock nights. Upper (southern) section open to administrative use only, 100 stock night limit or 65 stock nights if a dry year.
Granite Creek	Route from Redwood Meadow to upper Granite Creek open to stock use, probably impassible.
Hamilton Lakes	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>

MINERAL KING AREA, EAST & SOUTH FORK KAWEAH RIVER DRAINAGE:

Mineral King Valley/Lakes Basin	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> for parties with horses and mules. Open to grazing by walking parties with burros or llamas.
Sawtooth Pass	<u>Closed to stock</u> from Monarch Lake to switchbacks below Columbine Lake.
Hockett Plateau	Open to stock use except in the following five areas:
Hockett Ranger Station Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use.
Mitchell Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>
South Fork Meadow (Rock Camp)	Grazing limited to 75 stock nights.
South Fork Pasture (Upper Camp)	Grazing limited to 100 stock nights.
Summit Lake Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing.</u>

WEST KERN PLATEAU (Chagoopa, Funston, Big Arroyo, Rattlesnake, Laurel and Coyote Creeks)

Open to off-trail stock use *except* for the following areas:

Big & Little Five Lakes	Open to stock use within 1/2 mile of maintained trails; <u>closed to off-trail stock use.</u>
Little Five Lakes	Stringer meadow southeast of ranger station <u>closed to grazing.</u>
Forester Lake Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing.</u>

KERN RIVER CANYON:

Kern Canyon below Laurel Creek	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> to prevent the spread of velvetgrass, including Lower Funston Meadow and Rattlesnake Camp/River Pasture.
Lewis Camp Large Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use.
Kern Station Small Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use.
Laurel Creek to Kern Kaweah	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> for parties accessing the canyon from the USFS lands to the south to prevent the spread of velvetgrass. Open to grazing by parties accessing the canyon from west, north, or east; includes Junction Mdw, Kern Bridge Camp, Upper Funston Mdw, and 21" Camp.
Junction Meadow (Kern)	15 head per party maximum; one night grazing limit.
Kern Hot Springs	Small meadow immediately adjacent to hot springs <u>closed to stock</u> .
Upper Funston Meadow	Two night grazing limit; camp in designated sites if available.

KERN-KAWEAH, UPPER KERN, TYNDALL, WRIGHT AND WALLACE CREEKS:

Milestone Basin	<u>Special permit required</u> ; permit requirements: one party at a time, eight head limit, two night grazing limit; grazing permitted north of Milestone Creek only. No stock travel above 10,800'.
Lake S. America Col Mdw	Small lake south of Lake South America and large meadow farther south along trail are <u>closed to grazing</u> .
John Dean Cutoff	Unmaintained trail from Tyndall Creek Ranger Station to Kern Canyon open to stock use.
Shepherd Pass	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> within one mile of Shepherd Pass.
Wright Creek Drainage	Unmaintained route below 11,200' open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200'.
Wright Creek Closed Mdw	Side drainage in east-central Wright Lakes Basin <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Wallace Creek	Unmaintained route below 11,200' open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200'.
Wallace Creek Waterfall	Temporary six head, one night grazing limit.

WHITNEY, CRABTREE, AND ROCK CREEK DRAINAGES:

Mt. Whitney Trail	<u>Closed to all stock</u> access from one mile above Guitar Lake and above.
Guitar Lake	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules; open to walking parties with burros or llamas.
Crabtree Ranger Sta. Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u> .
Crabtree Lakes	<u>Closed to stock</u> travel above the hitch rail located 0.5 mile below the lowest lake.
Upper Crabtree Meadow	Grazing limited to 75 stock nights.
Lower Crabtree Meadow	Grazing limited to 40 stock nights.
Lower Whitney Crk./Strawberry	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> for administrative and commercial users. Private party grazing limited to 55 stock nights.
Guyot Creek	Meadows west of John Muir Trail <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Upper Rock Creek Area	Two night grazing limit for all of the upper Rock Creek, Nathan's Meadow and above.
Miter Basin	Unmaintained trail open to stock use to Sky Blue Lake; <u>day rides and pass-through travel only</u> above the outlet stream from Primrose Lake.
Rock Creek Lake and Stringer	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Rock Creek Meadow #2	Meadow between drift fence and Rock Creek Lake <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Nathan's Meadow	Grazing limited to 75 stock nights.
Rock Crk. Ranger Sta. Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Lower Rock Creek Crossing	Grazing limited to 200 stock nights.
Siberian Outpost	Unmaintained route to Rocky Basin Lakes open to stock use
Forgotten Canyon	Unmaintained route to Funston Lake open to stock use.

For more detailed information, please see 2012 Stock Users Guide to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness or visit our website: www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness

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